

Statement

State-wise amount disbursed by REC for Village Electrification under RGGVY

Sl. No.	State	Amount disbursed as on 23-02-2007 (Rupee in Crores)
1	Uttar Pradesh	1659.28
2	Bihar	427.69
3	West Bengal	233.80
4	Karnataka	134.32
5	Uttarakhand	106.58
6	Rajasthan	105.41
7	Madhya Pradesh	104.66
8	Andhra Pradesh	19.80
9	Chhattisgarh	15.97
10	Haryana	12.33
11	Gujarat	9.77
12	Jharkhand	3.50
13	Orissa	3.50
	Sub Total	2836.61
	Disbursement for BPL	55.46
	TOTAL	2892.07*

*This includes loan component of 10% of the project cost

Free Electricity to States from Thermal Power Projects

†671. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides some power to States free of cost for hydro-electricity projects;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

- (b) if so, whether similar demand has been made for thermal power projects;
- (c) whether consultations have been held with the States thereon;
- (d) whether Government would consider this on the basis of the status of the State; and
- (e) if so, the details of the policy?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Yes, Sir. 12% of power from the energy generated by the hydropower station is supplied free of cost to those States of the region (including the State where the hydro electric project is located) where distress is caused by setting up the project at the specific site like submergence, dislocation of population. The allocation is made in proportion to the extent of such distress. This provision is applicable for all central sector Hydro Electric Projects commissioned after 7.9.1990.

(b) to (e) The coal bearing States have raised similar demands from time to time and the issue has been discussed at various forum. However, it is felt that such a policy would be a retrograde step and would adversely affect the economics of power generation. Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) in thermal power project is in no way comparable to hydroelectric projects. Further, the host States given 10% special allocation from thermal power stations.

Also a number of benefits accrue to the home States on account up of thermal power projects *viz.*

- Full compensation for the land acquired for setting up of the plants and townships.
- Gains by way of receipt of taxes *i.e.* octroi, trade or vat, excise etc., on the import of plant/equipments and coal used for power generation.
- Receipt of royalty on coal extracted from the mines within States.
- In case of thermal stations, the generators are required to pay for use of coal for power generation, whereas water used for hydro stations is made available to the generators free of cost.
- Direct and indirect employment generation due to setting up of the project.

Therefore, under current policy there is no dispensation for free power from thermal power stations.

T&D Losses and power Generation Targets in Eleventh Five Year Plan

672. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre is targeting to add a generation capacity of up to 70,000 MW in the Eleventh Five Year, Plan, while asking the States to bring down transmission and distribution losses to 15 per cent by 2010 from about 40 per cent now;

(b) whether the Approach Paper, which has been approved by National Development Council, to the Eleventh Five Year Plan has asked the States to give higher priority to reduce the Transmission and Distribution losses and Eleventh Five Year Plan target of 60,000-70,000 MW generation transmission and distribution; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) XI Plan Working Group on Power has identified acceleration in capacity generation and reduction in Aggregate Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) as thrust areas.

The Approach paper to the 11th Plan (2007—12) approved by the National Development Council has emphasized reduction of Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses (which include Transmission & Distribution (T&D) losses as well as commercial losses) in the States from the current level of around 40% to at least 15% by the end of 11th Plan.

To augment the generation capacity, power projects of over 76,400 MW have been identified for 11th Plan, of which 44,358 MW are under construction.

To reduce AT&C losses, the Accelerated Power Distribution and Reform Programme is currently under operation. The Abraham Committee recently recommended restructuring of the Scheme to make it more effective.